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[54] **METHOD OF PRODUCING VEAL AND ANIMAL FEED THEREFOR**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

Light-colored veal very similar to milk-fed veal can be produced by feeding calves a special ration which is high in protein and unsaturated fat, low in carbohydrate, and low in available copper.

The ration comprises protein in an amount of about 14% to about 20% by weight, optionally with the addition of certain amino acids; fat in the amount of about 7% to about 12% by weight and carbohydrate not to exceed about 60% by weight. The proportion of available copper in the ration should not exceed about 20 milligrams/pound of feed. The balance of the ration comprises the conventional ingredients fiber, ash, moisture, minerals and trace elements.

The veal is produced by feeding the calves substantially exclusively the ration of the invention from the time of weaning until they are ready for slaughter, generally at a weight of about 500 pounds and an age of about 23 weeks.

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